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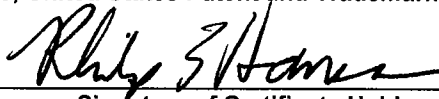
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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES WITH MICROORGANISMS

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. In light of a petition for a one month extension and fee therefore, enclosed herewith, the period expires on January 18, 2007. This Response, therefore, is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.